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Dear Harold:

Enclosed are some things which are self-explanatory, plus a number of carbons you have sent in your last three or four letters. These we have absorbed and return with the idea that they probably should be more useful in your files than in ours. Thank you very much for letting us see them.

First, one bit of news. Hal called about a week ago and said he had a job in Richmond; he didn't say what it was, and we have heard nothing further from him, so we assume he still has it. He is still trying for a job in Germany, he says. And he is remaining for the time being at the same residence as far as we know. We have exepcted to hear further from him, but have not, so I might as well bring you up to date on this limited basis.

I regret that I cannot see any way to be of help from here on the problem of the photographs. This bureau would not, of course, have such files, since every bureau has a very serious storage problem with the negatives and pictures it alone originates. Even if you could locate the pictures you want in the Memphis bureau, which is a very small one, you would still have to go to New York -- or Memphis would -- for permission and approval, so New YORK probably is where you'll wind up with the AP in any case. I suspect, but do not know, that probably the same situation applies with UPI. I would like to be more helpful in this matter, but both agencies are highly centralized in this reppect. If any way occurs to me in which I can be of help I shall certainly do my best, but at present there appears to be no way. We can say that neither of us remembers seeing pictures in newspapers at the time which fit the descriptions you give.

And I saw no mention of your visit to Memphis on the wires, but would not necessarily have had the chance, as such items often are shed somewhere along the way -- usually in LA -- which files the California state wire and probably would discard such an item in favor of some barn-burning in rural Fresno County. My guess is, however, that your visit was not picked up, and that if it was, it circulated on a regional southeastern wire which not even LA would see. I should explain that LA is the big control point out here -- has been for the past three years -- as far as the AP is concerned, and if eastern news does not get on the A wire it rarely is relayed by LA unless there is some clear California angle to it. We are allowed the read the A wire here, but not the secondary B wire which carries secondary and regional news.

Your visit to Memphis sounds really great, and your first hand impression of the captive conforms precisely with the one we had formed here -- a totally unlikely candidate for such a role. Congratulations, and we hope it goes better from here on.

In some haste, and with all the best,

Jim

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